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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/766,874

Applicants: Masahide YAMASHITA, et al.

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For: CARRIER, DEVELOPER INCLUDING THE
CARRIER AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
USING THE DEVELOPER

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Examiner:

SIR:

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Respectfully submitted,

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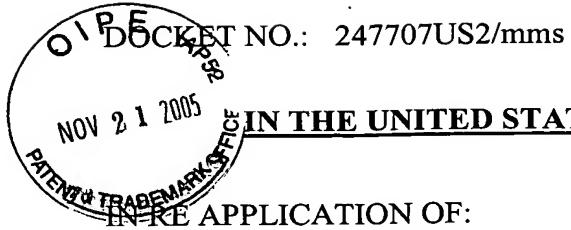
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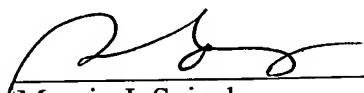
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The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

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